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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119, Applicants hereby claim the benefit of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-340267, filed November 8, 2000, for the above-identified U.S. patent application.

In support of this claim for priority, enclosed is one certified copy of the priority application.

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